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AMENDMENT

This Amendment is responsive to the outstanding Office Action mailed July 16, 2002. No fee is believed to be necessary. However, should any fee be required for entry of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account 06-0029 and is requested to notify us of the same.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the prior abstract with the new Abstract of the Disclosure submitted herewith on its own separate sheet of paper.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A detection article comprising:

at least one fluid control film layer having at least one microstructured major surface including a plurality of microchannels therein, the microchannels configured for uninterrupted fluid flow of a fluid sample, the film layer including an acquisition zone wherein portions of the plurality of microchannels draw the fluid sample into the plurality of

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